

Decision 02-03-016 March 6, 2002

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

John W. Gaddis III,

Complainant,

v.

Lance Johnson, dba Arrowhead Manor Water
Company,

Defendant.

(ECP)

Case 01-10-045
(Filed October 15, 2001)

John W. Gaddis III, for himself.
Kathleen Johnson, for defendant.

OPINION DENYING RELIEF

Complainant alleges that he has inadequate water volume at his vacation home at 681 Tamarack, Cedar Glen, California. He seeks improved water volume and flow. Defendant admits that complainant's property receives water at a low volume, but says that the problem will improve when the 70-year old distribution system serving complainant is replaced. Public hearing was held December 7, 2001.

Complainant testified his low volume water is caused by a restriction placed by defendant on his water service. Defendant testified that there is no restriction on complainant's water service; the low volume is the result of aging pipes in the 70-year old distribution system serving the property. Complainant

could obtain better volume if he paid for a main extension to reach a different part of defendant's system, at a cost of approximately \$600.

A Commission staff member inspected the water system and found that there was no restriction on the water flow to complainant's property, and the water pressure was up to code.

Complainant's property should be adequately served when defendant upgrades its system, which is the subject of I.00-03-016. Complainant's immediate problem can be alleviated by investing in a main extension to a section of defendant's system which has better flow.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The relief requested by complainant is denied.
2. This proceeding is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 6, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

LORETTA M. LYNCH
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
RICHARD A. BILAS
CARL W. WOOD
GEOFFREY F. BROWN
Commissioners